The Bloody Ephemerides

ALMANACK:

Fore-shewing,

The strange Revolutions, and remarkable Contingencies, that will happen this Year, 1652.

Wherein is contained,

Divers Monethly Astrological Predictions; Impartially demonstrating, the King of Scots new Game in France, Together with His Desires to Forreign Princes; And Propheticall Obsevations thereupon.

ALSO,

A Description of the great Eclipse of the Sun, on the 29. of March next; with the Calculation thereof, concerning the landing of an English Army in *France*; the time and manner of a great Battel to be fought; the engagement of the Scotch King; with the event and Successe thereof.

With other Notes of great concernment, touching the strange Lightnings, and Apparitions that will be seen in the Ayr this Year: Presageing wonderful things in relation to *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, and the late Kings Family.

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To the People of England.

Indeared, and cordial Countrey-men;

Give me leave, I beseech you, to present you with a Glass, wherein is demonstrated the true Revolution of the year; the mutation and state of Weather; the several and great Eclipses that will be visible both in the Sun and Moon: As also Monethly Predictions of most notable Concurrences; fore-shewing, the New-game and Design of the King of Scots, *(for the disturbing of the peace and tranquility of this Common-weal) and the event and success thereof: Together with a Description of his Actions, Counsels, and Results. But as famous* Lepington *saith; How can* Charles *the Gratious be better drawn to the Life, than by the description of* Tarquin *the proud? And how can the unparalle'ld Founders of a free-born people be better portraicted, than by the deciphering of Regal Tyranny; For, indeed, a Tyrant is to all men hateful; for he builds the whole body of his State upon the columns of fear. But I shall endeavour to moderate my Pen; desiring thee* (Courteous Reader) *not to be too sudden in thy censure; for believe me, it will admit of second thoughts.*

G. H.

The Bloudy Almanack; demonstrating the Wonders of our Times; as also, fore-telling the strange Revolutions that will happen this Year, 1652.

Januaries Monethly Predictions, 1652.

THis Moneth produceth various Intelligence from *Scotland*, *Ireland*, and *Denmark*; great treacheries are contriving; some plot discovered, and an eminent person both in the Court of Judicature and Army questioned: The Mountains swell high; they are yet in strong travel: but upon their final Results, a new Representative appears; *be it a blessing to this Nation.* Gracious and pious things are acting for our good: and those who have oppressed the poor are now called to the Bar of Justice. Look to't Excise-men; your lofty Plumes are now decaying. The Ayr inclines to snow at the beginning of the Moneth: Thick Clouds, or a frosty season from the 14. to the 23. The rest temperate. *Take notice, that this moneth is a time seasonable for the Husband-man to cut timber, prune superfluous branches from fruit-trees, uncover their roots, drench their weak and sick cattel, and be careful to preserve them from cold.*

Monethly Predictions upon February.

THe necessity of the *Scot* is much to be deplored, many of their houses are become stables; *'tis great pity, but ther's no remedy.* Deliberate Consultations begin

near this time; busineſſes long in agitation ſeem to approach unto concluſion. I hope our ſober Governour of *Scotland* acquaints us with ſome happy ſucceſſes of his Forces, or ſurely we may expect comfortable Letters from our honeſt friends in *Ireland*. An appearance of *Maſſives* and they intending us good, and portending ſomewhat from *Holland*, perhaps an *Hogen* Embaſſador, or *aliquid tale*. The Heavens are willing, and the influences of the Starres propitious for reconciling Eccleſiaſtical differences; but the men whom it moſt concerns are moſt unwilling, and are reſolved to continue the greateſt enemies, the Souldiers, Army, or State may expect. Some eminent perſons guilty of diſaffection unto this Government, now are queſtioned or condemned for their Treaſons, or their private actions much inquired into; Be they Prieſts or Legal Men, let them ſuffer according to merit. Generally neer this time, Men revile both the Law and the Miniſtery; I fear our *Governours* are much ſcandalized and their preſent actions miſapprehended. Some may prove headleſſe neer theſe times. Little petty actions in *Scotland*. Motion of ſome part of our forces North-ward. I cannot ſee but our Army or Forces in *Scotland* and *Ireland*, (as the ſeaſons permits) do good ſervice, and are victorious. *Set, cut, and lay Quick ſets and Roſes; ſowe Beans, Peaſe and Oats, eſpecially the Land being cold and ſtiffe: furniſh your Gardens with ſallads for ſummer.*

Monethly Predictions upon March.

All *Europe* may now ſee that the *Engliſh* Nation are upon high Deſignes, both for action and Councel; their active Governours are wary and watchful for ſafety of *England*. Our Fleets are preparing, our Army or ſome Brigades in perfect readineſs prepared for *Northern* or *VVeſtern* Motion. For ſome not very pleaſing intelligence comes from the *Scots*, or concerning that treacherous people. *Cardinal* differences, or very great thwarting Diſputations begin to take place, I fear betwixt the Souldier and Magiſtracy. *Mars* is and will be rampant: Unjuſt Treaſurers muſt account. Many muſt now think upon giving ſatisfaction for vaſt ſums of the Common-wealths. This Moneth to the admiration of the whole world, is two great Eclipſes of the Sun & Moon, which promiſeth much Eclipſe of worldly glory to the Princes of the world: great mutations, ſickneſs is like ſpeedily to follow: mortality amongſt men, and death of Cattel. I deſire the Countreyman to beware of a Rot.

For ſatisfaction to the Reader, I have calculated an Eclipſe, that hapned 300. years agoe, where you may ſee what followed then; and ſo judge of this worth your obſervation. The ſaid Calculation followeth in the two laſt pages of this part.

Monethly Predictions upon April.

The Lord divert the croſſe influences of the Starres from falling upon us *Engliſh*, either by diviſions amongſt our Councellors themſelves, or the intemperate reſults of others, whether Officer or Officers of Warre, or Men officiating in the name of Miniſters. We have good, we have petty newes from *Ireland*. We are nothing aſtoniſht at various news which would make us believe an Invaſion from a Scots King is expected; and he providing in ſeveral Kingdoms Men and Arms againſt our Common-wealth. Oh *Engliſh*, fear no ſuch Bug-bears; He fights againſt providence, who drawes his Sword againſt this Common-wealth. Without future troubles we can or ſhall not be; without a King hereafter, both Malignant and Prieſt ridden zealots muſt be. Now we may hourly expect very comfortable-

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fortable Letters from our friends in *Ireland*, as alſo from ſeveral other parts of the world; and a general willingneſs to quietneſs ſeems to poſſeſſe the *Engliſh* Common-wealth, who begin to be ſenſible that no Dominion upon earth is perpetual. If not before this, the *Portugal* hath writ to make his peace with our State, he may neer this time ſmart for his folly. Our Senators or interval Governours officiate nobly and honourably. *Engliſh* valour and Souldiery becomes terrible unto *France*, where War muſt now approach. Nothing of good comes from Scotland.

Monethly Predictions upon May.

THis Moneth entreth with great difference of Judgements amongſt our grand atriots: the Souldier ſeems ill pleaſed, and the croſſe influence of Heaven may be feared to ſtir up Mens courages to act ſome new and unpleaſing Actions in *Ireland*, *Scotland* and *France*; *Deus avertat*. Oppreſſions and delayes even ſads the ſpirits of our beſt affected Friends. They are but Men, and they have been ſuparlatively paſſive. Down goes ſome Clergy-men, either by the folly of their own *Treaſons* againſt the State, or their own ill guided paſſions. The *Scots* are ſtill pelting at our Souldiers; ſome ragged companions they muſter and martial to our annoyance. Many ſtubborn *Citizens* of *London* repine at the preſent times; ſome of them may repent this *Moneths* actions or conſultations. Again the Scot pretends friendſhip, but I fear his Treaſon. Were it a time of Warre, much murder, many ſlaughters would appear; now in a ſerene time ſtrange *Robberies*, *Pyracies*, and ſome eminent offenders queſtioned, ſentenced and put to death. Bleſſe us oh *God* from inteſtine Inſurrections. *France* ſmarts with Diviſions, and great blood-ſhed ſeems neer hand there. A Feaver, the Sword, or a moſt violent one takes an eminent Man out of the World about this Moneth.

Monethly Predictions upon June.

MAny in Authority are at a ſtand, either they fear they muſt, or elſe realy do depart from their ſweet Commands: *ſi violandum jus, regnandi cauſa violandum.* Nothing but everlaſting envy and horrid exclamations attends the perſons of ſome former *Grandees*, and perpetual *Monuments* of Bribery, and ſelf-ended deſigns are the rewards of the common people to ſome intruſted great ones. But if the *Heavens* deceive us not, a general information from many parts, or many impoveriſhed Counties, or from many men whipt and ſtript unjuſtly out of their livelihoods, is making ready to inform the whole Nation how much they have been abuſed by *ſub-Committees*, *ſub-Treaſurers*, *ſub-ſequeſtrators*, and an *Omnium gatherum* of beggerly Informers. Some fear of damnage by fire in *London*; as alſo Action in *Scotland*. The *Venetians* have no good ſucceſs this Moneth. The *Turk* thrives not: A Mutiny is to be feared in *Conſtantinople*.

Monethly Predictions upon *July*.

SEvere Judgements, or a woful ſentence is like to begin this Moneth, inflicted either upon ſome notorious Malefactor or Traytor, who is now upon the ſtage acting his laſt farewel. What? have we in vain fought for our Freedoms; ſhall we be denyed Juſtice in cold blood? ſhall we Commoners be ever paſſive? we whoſe Bodies, Purſes, Pens have ſuſtained the burthen of the late Warres; ſhall we have no time limited for our Redreſſes? we mourn and ſend millions of prayers to Heaven.

Some news of inſurrections and hoſtile intentions, arrives at the beginning of this moneth to interrupt our peace; yet I fear not the ſucceſſe, though for the preſent it may be as unwelcome as the wet weather.

A Deſcription of the great Eclipſe that will fall out this year, 1652.

FOur times ſhall the bright Lamps of Heaven be deprived this year, thrice ſhall the Inhabitants of the earth loſe the light of the Sun by the interpoſition of the opacious body of the Moon, betwixt their ſight and him; and twice ſhall the Moon be deprived of her borrowed light, by the direct interpoſition of the earth betwixt the Sun and her: Both of the Moon, and the firſt of the Sun will be conſpicuous to us.

The firſt is of the Moon, and happens according to the Julian account with us, the 15. day of March, at which time will the Moons Body be darkned. The beginning ſhall be ſeen only in the Eaſtern parts of Europe, and the whole in the Weſtern: In Aſia and Africa it will not be diſcerned.

For the better underſtanding of the effects of this Eclipſe of the Moon March 15. I will parallel it with a former Eclipſe, which by tracing Antiquity I find hapned 1345. three hundred and ſeven years ſince, being within one degree of the Zodiak in the ſame ſign as this, wherein the poſition of Heaven not much differed from what it is now. The principal effects which that Eclipſe produced, were theſe; great tempeſts, mighty high winds, great flouds through abundance of rain, which continued all Summer, and moſt part of Autumn that year, inſomuch, that in theſe Northern Regions Corn did putrifie and rot upon the ground by reaſon of the exceſs of wet, and great corruption and decay of all fruits, as alſo a great rot of ſheep, ſo that for two years next following, there was a great ſcarcity and dearth in moſt Countries, many Diſeaſes and ſudden deaths amongſt Chriſtians; much Wars ſlaughters and blood-ſhed was in the world during the effects of this Eclipſe. The ſame year on St. Pauls day, was ſo great an Earth-quake in Germany, that many Villages and Bridges were overthrown, and horrible Rains mixed with Toads, annoyed the Inhabitants. In the year 1346. the 28. day of the Moneth of Auguſt, was the ſharp, yet famous Battel fought in France, near the Village of Creſſye, between Phylip the French King, and Edward the third then King of England, where the Engliſh with a weak power in compariſon, gave the French a total overthrowe: the King of Bohemiah his Son, newly elected Emperor, was overthrown with the King of France, who was brought priſoner into England, the King of Bohemiah ſlain in the field, and many gallants more: And in the ſame year, on the 17. of October following, a party of the Engliſh under the Command of Mowbray, and Queen Phylip, who in the Kings abſence were left to guard the marches of Scotland, and lay upon the Borders of England, to hinder the Invaſion of the Scots: theſe gave battel to the Scotch King, and all his Forces near Nevil-Croſſe, in which Battel the Scotch King was taken priſoner, and the chiefeſt of the Nobility were all ſlain and taken. Thus had the Engliſh three great Princes at once priſoners; thus as trouble, ſo Honour and Victory did attend the Engliſh, during the effects of this Eclipſe, they were crowned on every ſide with glory and Renown. I queſtion not but the true Engliſh power will be as victorious: let Scotland, France, the Dutch and Germans beware of too much provocations. Some actions of the like nature will be attempted to compleat the Engliſh glory. The ſame year the 2. of Auguſt, Callice was yielded to the Engliſh, which had been long beſieged; thus Renowned were the Engliſh in all parts, the Reaſons in art I have not room to inſert.

During the effects of this Eclipſe, the Hereſie of the *Adamites* ſprang up in *Bohemia*, and *John Wickliets* opinions in *England*. In the year 1347. and 1348. was ſo great mortality and peſtilence, the like had not been ſeen before, and people were ſtricken with horror and fear, by reaſon of the violent Feavers, Apoſthumes, and ſwellings in their Bodies, of which they died extreamly, and continued ſo long, that they were out of hope. Theſe evills I fear overmuch will be the effects of this Eclipſe amongſt us.

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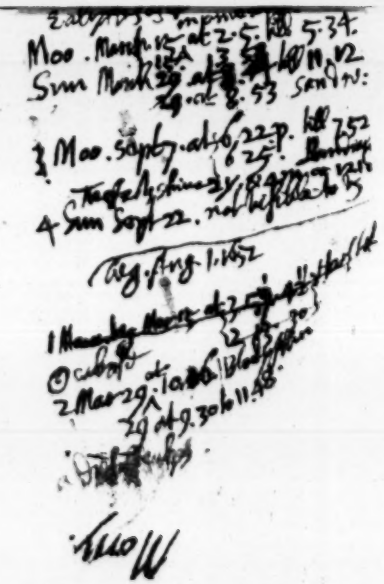

The firſt Eclipſe is of the Sun, *March* 29. 15. minutes, 53. ſeconds after 10. in the forenoon, at which time *Sol* the glorious eye of Heaven will be darkened, by reaſon of the interpoſition of the Moons opacious body betwixt our ſight & him, and will appear to us as a yellowiſh green colour, mixt (as it were) with red, as bluſhing to uphold us, will almoſt quite hold his head from us.

Places which will feel the ſmart of this Eclipſe may be gathered out of the antecedent Diſcourſe; but more plainly thoſe Countries under *Aries*, *Cancer*, and *Capricorn*, *Saturn* Lord of the eighth in the Aſcendant, threatens *Scotland*, *Ireland*, the Weſt and North of *England*, with divers and ſore ſickneſſes, as alſo the Peſtilence: Before the effects of this Eclipſe be over, let *London* pray for a Reprieve; for about this time there will be a great decay in her Health and Trading: Let *France* take heed, the flame is there breaking forth: The Emperour of *Germany* begins to totter: The *Hollander* ſuffers prejudice by Sea: And the Turkiſh Territories are invaded with factions: Let the glory of *Rome* alſo (about this time) expect an eclipſe from the Engliſh.

The ſecond will be a very terrible eclipſe of the Sun, the eye of Heaven, in the ſame Moneth *March* 29. the beginning will be at half an hour paſt 9 in the morning: *Early Miſers may dreadfully behold it*: the middle at 40 min. after 10. the end at 12 min. before 12 a clock. This Eclipſe continues two hours and a quarter, and will be very fearful to behold: The Sun will be almoſt wholly darkned, onely a little part of the lower South part of his body, like a new Moon-light; as appears by the enſuing Figure.

This Eclipſe will be viſible to all *Europe*, as alſo *Aſia minor*, *Arabia*, *Perſia*, *Tartaria*, and in *Africa* and the *Weſt-Muſcovi*

Monethly Predictions upon August.

IF a serious Disquisition did not find guilt, and remove some against their wills from their Dignities last Moneth, this will; And I tell you plainly, I smell some new Tenets studied and urged, which if not timely prevented, may produce something unexpected: I think upon *Burford* businesse. Thunders, and fiery Apparitions appear: great sicknesse to women; *strong drinks are hurtful*: many die in Childbed. A time of mourning and lamentation draws neer upon *France*. Heavens gracious *God* protect us *English* from some eminent Mortality or Plague this month, or high divisions amongst the Commons and their Superiours; many mens Spirits are full of revenge; but the Father of Time and Eternity, I hope sends his Angels of meekness to transform the furious thoughts of some Zealots.

Monethly Predictions upon September.

THe Presbyterian Ministers are now satisfied in conscience touching the lawfulnesse of this present Government: and a general Reconcilement appears. Therefore let *France*, Opeople of Europe, be the mark unto which we all shoot our Arrows. A great Victory seems to attend the English, and according to the Calculation of the great Eclipse, *March* 29. a great Prince will be taken, and another lose his life in the field. From all which we may traduce, that the French King is falling from his lofty Cedars; and that the King of *Scots* shall never more annoy Us.

Monethly Predictions upon October.

THis moneth begins with Justice, but ends with Execution: and many there are, that receive condign legal punishment for their former knaveries. A great Sea-fight happens about this time, with the French, but Victory redounds to the English Some blustering News from the tempestuous Scot; wherein they threaten a new game; but after once [illegible] more, they will be quite cut out.

Monethly Predictions upon November.

AS the last moneth ended with troubles; so this begins with oppression: Heavie Exclamations and cruel Execrations flie abroad in several Counties of *England* from thousands of poor people against their hard fate, fith they must know no end of their miseries: they pay, they pray, and yet have no rest or peace. Well! be not dismay'd, thy Redemption draws neer, its so appointed, notwithstanding all opposition.

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Monethly Predictions upon Decemb.

AS this moneth begins with complaints for money; so it likewise supplicates for another Tax: *but this is no news*: For divers distractions arise through pernicious Counsels. No Faith is in the Scot, they often murder the English in corners. Sly treacheries are too frequent; and many great Officers are displaced. Divers Levitical Plots are near Discovery. Yet let the Countrey-man keep an honest merry Christmas, that his poor Neighbours may commend his Religion from his Charity. And I think if the consideration of Gods love who hath given Christ for us, move Us to Love and Unity, we shall make a good end of the old Year, and happily begin the new. But there will alwayes be a Generation, who will with the Poet sing:

Our present Age doth us displease. Well rimed bramas [illegible]
And present things we all despise.

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